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Applicant: NIEBOER, R. et al.
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For: AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR CONDITIONAL
ORDER TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES OR
OTHER ITEMS IN COMMERCE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.312(a)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

November 21, 2001

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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated September 10, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 44 as follows:

43 44. (Thrice Amended) A conditional order transaction network that electronically matches or compares buy and sell orders for a plurality of items from the same or diverse markets based upon conditions set forth within the order, including price

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